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Draft report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its forty-ninth session

Rapporteur: Mr. Marc Bossuyt

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X. PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AND THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES.

1. The Sub-Commission considered item 8 at its 20th, 21st, 22nd, 26th and 35th meetings, held on 19, 20, 22 and 27 August 1997.

2. For the list of documents issued under item 8, see annex ... to the present report.

3. At the 20th meeting, on 19 August 1997, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Minorities, Mr. Asbjørn Eide, introduced the report of the Working Group on its third session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/18).

4. In the general debate under this item, statements were made by the following members of the Sub-Commission: Mr. Ali Khan (21st), Mr. Bossuyt (20th), Mr. Chernichenko (20th), Ms. Daes (26th), Mr. Eide (26th), Mr. El-Hajjé (22nd), Mr. Fan Guoxiang (20th), Mr. Guissé (20th), Mr. Hatano (22nd), Mr. Joinet (22nd), Mr. Khalifa (22nd), Mr. Lindgren Alves (22nd), Mr. Maxim (22nd), Ms. McDougall (21st), Mr. Yimer (20th).

5. The Sub-Commission also heard statements by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: African Bureau of Educational Sciences (21st), African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters (21st), Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (21st), American Association of Jurists (22nd), Christian Solidarity International (21st), Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation (21st), Indian Council of Education (21st), International Association of Democratic Lawyers (22nd), International Association for Religious Freedom (21st), International Association of Educators for World Peace (21st), International Council of Jewish Women (21st), International Federation of Free Journalists (21st), International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (21st), International Institute for Peace (21st), International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations (22nd), International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (22nd), International Service for Human Rights (21st), Minority Rights Group (21st), Pax Christi International (21st), Transnational Radical Party (21st).

6. Statements were also made by the observers for: Azerbaijan (22nd), Bangladesh (22nd), Hungary (22nd), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (22nd), Iraq (22nd), Myanmar (22nd), Pakistan (22nd), Russian Federation (26th), Sri Lanka (26th).

7. Statements equivalent to a right of reply were made by the observers for Armenia (26th) and Azerbaijan (26th).

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8. At its 35th meeting, on 27 August 1997, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/L.41, sponsored by Mr. Ali Khan, Ms. Attah, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Mr. Chernichenko, Ms. Daes, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Eide, Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Diaz Uribe, Ms. Gwanmesia, Mr. Hatano, Mr. Khalil, Mr. Fix Zamudio, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Mr. Maxim, Mr. Mehedi, Ms. Palley, Mr. Park, Ms. Warzazi, Mr. Weissbrodt, Mr. Yimer and Mr. Zhong. Mr. Maxim, Ms. Warzai and Mr. Zhong subsequently withdrew as sponsors.

9. Mr. Chernichenko orally revised the draft resolution by inserting in operative paragraph 2 after the words "on its third session", the words "together with the working papers prepared by the members of the Working Group".

10. Ms Warzazi orally amended the draft resolution by deleting, in operative paragraph 3, the words "for a further three years" after the words "extension of the mandate of the Working Group on Minorities".

11. Mr. Fan Guoxiang orally amended the draft resolution by deleting, at the end of operative paragraph 4, the words "with a view to strengthening her preventive activities and enhancing her reponses to minority situations warranting urgent action".

12. Mr. Alfonso Martínez orally amended the draft resolution by inserting, in the draft decision in operative paragraph 16 the words "of five working days" after the words "one session" and deleting the words "namely, in 1998, 1999 and 2000" at the end of the draft decison.

13. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Eide, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer.

14. The draft resolution as revised and amended was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution see chapter II, section A, resolution 1997/23.